Resentment of the doctors of the ISM and the Homoeopathic system on the non-implementation of the Fourth pay Commission

*56. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the widespread and deep resentment among the doctors of the Indian System of Medicine and among Homoeopathic doctors due to non-awarding to them the revised pay-scales as recommended by the IVth Pay Commission, while such pay-scales have been awarded to the Allopathic doctors;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard since the recommendations were made by the Pay Commission; and

(c) what are the reasons that ISM and Homoeopathic doctors were left out, while the case of Allopathic doctors had been considered by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter regarding grant of revised pay scales to the doctors of Indian Systems of Medicine/Homoeopathy is under consideration of the Government. A decision in this regard will be taken as soon as possible, after due consultation amongst various Ministries/Departments concerned.

Sambalpur-Talcher rail-line

*57. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made with regard to Sambalpur-Talcher rail-line;

(b) the amount allocated for this project during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 9%.

(b) The allocation for this project for 1987-88 was Rs. 5 crores. For 1988-89 also, a sum of Rs. 5 crores has been provided.

(c) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

DTC strike

*58. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to bring about normalcy in the transport system in Delhi in face of the recent strike by the D.T.C. workers;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred by Government in running private buses in the city to meet the situation caused by the DTC workers' strike; and

(c) whether any scheme has been drawn up to build up an efficient public transport system in Delhi in the light of the city's growing population and the consequent growing demands on the transport system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Normalcy of operations of DTC has been achieved with effect from 1-4-1988.

(b) Government have not incurred any expenditure.

(c) The Task Force set up by the Ministry of Urban Development in its

report of September, 1987 has recommended Mass Rapid Transit System on seleted corridors to meet the growing transport requirements of Delhi. They have also recommended setting up of a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority to plan, coordinate, integrate, efficiently manage and develop, various sub-systems of transport.

Airport at Shirdi

*59. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open an Airport near Shirdi, a pilgrimage centre in Maharashtra and connect it with Vayudoot services;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No demand has been received for an airport at Shirdi from any operator. Shirdi is already being catered to by Nasik airport located 70 kilometres away. Apart from this, the National Airports Authority does not have adequate resources to finance even its ongoing schemes, so the possibility of finding resources to finance development of a new airport is extremely remote.

Girl students in Navodaya Vidyalayas

*60. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of girls who have been admitted to Navodaya Vidyalayas so far; and

(b) the steps taken to increase their number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The percentage of girls selected for admission to Navodaya Vidyalayas so far is 18 per cent.

(b) The scheme envisages that efforts will be made to ensure that atleast one-third of the students in each Navodaya Vidyalaya are girls. A separate hostel for girls and Lady Warden are already provided towards this end. Wider publicity to make the rural parents aware of the salient features of the scheme is proposed to be given to attract more girls for admission into the Navodaya Vidyalayas.

Flight between Trivandrum and the Andamans

236. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a pressing demand for introduction of a flight between Trivandrum and the Andamans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (e) A few requests have been received for connecting Trivandrum with Andamans. The capacity presently provided between Mainland (i.e. from Madras/ Calcutta) and Andamans is considered adequate to meet the traffic demand. Besides, there is acute shortage of capacity in Indian Airlines.